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the advancement of LB 168? Seeing none, Senator Hilgert, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President. I would simply ask the body to advance the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The motion before us is to advance LB 168 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 168.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 168 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 243, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Janssen and others. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 11 of this year, at that time referred to the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Bill was brought to me by the National Guard where the reimbursement is now at 50 percent on their education. This bill would raise it to 100 percent. As you all know, the National Guard is funded by the state and the federal government. The last...the last time we can appreciate the National Guard in this state was during a snowstorm, which we witnessed a little over a year ago. And this morning, if you look at your Lincoln paper, you see these guardsmen and women going to France to help out in the problem areas over there with air refueling and so on and so forth. We've always...we've always been able to call on the National Guard in the time of need. They are the only reserve force that the Governor can give...call up to give assistance in national disasters, civil disturbance, or terrorists attacks for the safety of the welfare of the citizens of this state. Their capability and training